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EVENTS

Session II: Housing Choice and Tenant Mobility

Monday, July 26, 2:00-4:00pm, ET

PETRA seeks to expand the choices available to low-income families by allowing residents of project-based developments the option to use a voucher to move to a unit of their choice and by encouraging regional consolidation and coordination of vouchers. Panelists will discuss the potential impact of the changes, research on the effects of expanded housing choice on families, the experiences of housing agencies with regional administration and with allowing project-based tenants the option to move, and other strategies that could broaden housing choices for low-income families. [Learn more...](#)

Session III: Financing Public Housing Preservation

Tuesday, July 27, 10:00-12:00am, ET

Public housing confronts a backlog of capital repair needs that likely exceeds \$20 billion. PETRA proposes to address those needs by providing higher subsidies and making it easier for housing agencies to leverage these subsidies to obtain private financing. Panelists will discuss the potential of this approach to generate resources to renovate public housing developments, the risks raised by mortgage financing and the options for minimizing those risks, and other strategies beyond those proposed in PETRA that could generate resources to preserve public housing. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Recruiting and Retaining Older African American and Hispanic Boys in After-School Programs: What We Know and What We Still Need to Learn

June 2010

This brief is from Public/Private Ventures and the third in the GroundWork series, which summarizes evidence on a variety of policy topics to provide a foundation for future work. The brief provides an overview of promising strategies for recruiting and retaining middle- and high-school-aged African-American and Hispanic males in after-school programs. Authors provide an overview of existing research, and recommend that further work is needed, particularly given the positive outcomes associated with sustained participation in high-quality after-school programs and the challenges many programs face in attracting and retaining this population. [Learn more...](#)

Aiming Higher: Removing Barriers to Education, Training, and Jobs for Low-Income Women

May 2010

This report is from the Women's Economic Security Campaign, and outlines barriers to social mobility facing low-income women across the United States. In March 2010, the unemployment rate for women with families was 11.3 percent, which is the highest it has been in the past

25 years. Authors offer recommendations on ways that low-income women can be supported by connecting them to educational opportunities, job training, and employment opportunities. [Learn more...](#)

Tuning In to Local Labor Markets: Findings From the Sectoral Employment Impact Study

Over the past two decades, an innovative approach to workforce development known as sectoral employment has emerged, resulting in the creation of industry-specific training programs that prepare unemployed and underskilled workers for skilled positions and connect them with employers seeking to fill such vacancies. In 2003, with funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, P/PV launched the Sectoral Employment Impact Study to rigorously assess whether mature, nonprofit-led sector-focused programs could increase the earnings of disadvantaged workers and job seekers. P/PV selected three organizations to participate in the study—an employer/union association, a social venture and a human service organization. The study's findings show that program participants earned about \$4,500-18 percent-more than the control group over the course of the study and \$4,000-29 percent-more in the second year alone. Study participants were also more likely to find employment, work more consistently, work in jobs that paid higher wages, and work in jobs that offered benefits. Furthermore, there were earnings gains for each subgroup analyzed, including African Americans, Latinos, immigrants, formerly incarcerated individuals and young adults. [Learn more...](#)

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